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**In re Application of:**

Bennett, John E. and Bradley, Willis C.

Serial No. 09/664,085

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## Title: Adjustable Hinges for Orthopedic Splints

Patent Examiner: Hutton, Jr., William D.

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## **SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION**

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**Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendments  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450**

**Petition for 2 Month Extension of Time for Response to Office Action**

Please extend the time for response to the Office Action mailed November 12, 2003 by two months. As so extended the due date for response is March 12, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 502756 for the petition fee and any other fees that may be required to maintain this application in good standing.

Sir.

This communication is supplemental to the Amendment After Final Action filed 2/12/04 and responsive to the same Final Action and to the Examiner's advisory action mailed 3/10/2004.

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Claims 1 through 54 are pending in the application. Claims 1-39 are allowed.  
Claims 43,45,47,51,53,54 are objected to. Claims 40-42, 44, 46, 49, 50 and 52 are rejected.

The rejected independent claims are now in condition for immediate allowance by incorporation thereinto of the subject matter of corresponding dependent claims which have been allowed.

Claim 40 has been cancelled and new claim 55 has been added which now contains the limitations of Claim 40 as initially filed in the application together with the limitations of allowed dependent Claims 42 and 43.

Claim 46 now contains the limitations of allowed dependent Claim 47.

Claim 49 (formerly Claim 50) was previously amended in the last response after final action to include the limitation of dependent claim 51. Claim 51 was previously indicated to be allowable if combined with its base claim.

It is believed that all issues in the application have been resolved and that the case is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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